

Immediate Next Steps

ELAC

- Educate the Governor about the need for ELAC and federal funding streams and mandates.
- Meet with Torlakson to encourage his office to regain oversight of ELAC .

SB 69

- Eliminate the 10% SRR cut.
- If cut cannot be eliminated, change the language so that SB 69 takes the cut “off the top” as opposed to cutting the rate. (Add this to Budget Committee's agenda.)
- Find out if it was the intention of Department of Finance to make is so providers must service the same number of children with lower quality.
- Ask CDE and Department of Finance where the data from the Stage 3 caseload reductions came from.
 - CDE responded to say that as required by law, they report projected numbers based upon prior year caseload numbers to Finance, who then combines them with DSS numbers for Stage 1 to produce their overall projection for the budget. However CDE is preparing revised numbers with more accurate and recent caseloads. The item will be on the budget subcommittee agenda, and CDE will testify that the current year numbers are not the best to use for budget year because of the veto, stage 3 families in other Title 5 programs due to the screening, Stage 2 overages, etc. We will work to ensure the data are utilized from '09 and '10 years because it will be more accurate.

Spending Cap

- Advocate against a spending cap so we can rebuild programs.

Cuts to First 5

- Put a hold on cuts to programs until after a legal decision is rendered.
- Meet with Senator DeSaulnier and Dian Van Maren (Consultant to Budget Subcommittee on Health) to discuss implications of program reductions and likely outcome of the lawsuit.
- Educate the Governor's office of the implications of program reductions and likely outcome of the lawsuit.

Long Term Goals/Concerns*Elimination of Services to 11- and 12-year-olds*

- Track the 11- and 12-year-olds who lost child care services to see where they are placed (if anywhere), if their siblings continue care, and what their outcomes are.
- Send Notice of Action (NOA) to families with children about to age out of childcare so that they can find out in time to get on ACES or other yearlong programs.

Improve Quality of Childcare Services

- Create economic incentives for providers to move from licensed-exempt to the licensed category.

Increase Efficiency of Service Delivery

- The alignment of APs and R&Rs will happen naturally.
- Create standard practices among AP programs.
- Work with CDE to better manage the regulatory process for the APs (ex: reduce the number of management bulletins, simplify the regional market rate calculations, switch to yearly contracts, simplify attendance sheets, etc.)
- Improve efficiencies in the administration of services by reviewing the federal standards and determining what requirements are mandated and what we can change on a state level.

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